

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please CANCEL claims 1, 3 and 6-17; and AMEND claims 2, 4 and 5 in accordance with the following:

1. (Cancelled).

2. (Currently Amended) A method for providing information on commodities to a user by using a computer, comprising ~~the steps of:~~ (a)

acquiring a plurality of pieces of commodity-comparison information indicating at least one result results of at least one comparison between said individual commodities in a plurality of evaluation criteria, from at least one first terminal through a communication means; (b)

storing in a storage device said commodity-comparison information ~~acquired in step (a) by said acquiring;~~ (c)

producing, from said commodity-comparison information stored in said storage device, a commodity-comparison map which visually indicates at least one relationship relative superiority and inferiority between said commodities in two specified evaluation criteria by using said commodity-comparison information stored in said storage device in such a manner that at least one plotting each of said commodities on a two-dimensional area with coordinate axis of said commodity-comparison map corresponds to at least one first evaluation criterion used in axes representing the evaluation of said commodities, respectively criteria specified; (d)

producing relative-evaluation information which indicates at least one relative evaluation of said commodities by using said commodity-comparison map; and (e)

transmitting said relative-evaluation information to one of at least one second terminal through a communication means.

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 2, further comprising ~~the step of; (f) acquiring possessed-commodity information which indicates at least one first~~ a commodity possessed by said user; and ~~wherein said commodity-comparison map is produced in step (c) in such a manner that by plotting said user-possessed commodity, together with other commodities comparison map visually indicates information on at least one feature in which at least one second commodity is superior to one of said at least one first commodity, at least one relationship between said one of said at least one first commodity and said at least one second commodity is indicated by locations of the one of the at least one first commodity and the at least one second commodity in the commodity comparison map, and said at least one feature respectively corresponds to said at least one thereto in either or both of the two evaluation criteria, as well as by expressly showing which coordinate axis of said commodity comparison map direction represents greater superiority.~~

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 4, wherein as a result of said producing, the relative-evaluation information is arranged for display of information ~~on said with at least one second commodity and said at least one feature on said one of the at least one second terminal~~ other commodities and a superior feature thereof.

Claims 6-17 (Cancelled).